



WATERTREE NEWSLETTER

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East Syracuse Fall Festival

The Village of East Syracuse is hosting the 9th Annual Fall Festival on Saturday, September 27th, 11AM to 2PM at Ellis Field Park. For more info, visit www.villageofeastysracuse.com.

Register to Vote

If you need to register by mail to vote, your application must be postmarked at least 15 days prior to Election Day. Election Day is Tuesday, November 4, 2025.



Fire Prevention Information

Please review the fire prevention information on the next page & ensure that you are using safe habits and appropriate heating methods.

Air Conditioners

Properly installed window units are allowed temporarily for the summer. Remove them by October 15th.

Holiday Decorations

Please submit decoration requests to the office at least two weeks in advance. Include a detailed description of the decorations and the timeframe for displaying them. See House Rules section 4 for more information. House Rules available on our website.

Grills

Please do not use tabletop grills on Watertree picnic tables – it creates a mess & melts the table.

Disallowed... Fire pits and charcoal fires are not allowed at Watertree. Inoperable grills may not be stored here. Operable grills without a grill cover or Watertree tag may not be stored here. Any disallowed, inoperable, uncovered, or untagged grills remaining on the property will be permanently removed on October 15.

Grills may not be used within 15 feet of any building. No grilling of any kind is allowed on balconies.



See House Rules §4 for more information.

Allowed... Working propane gas grills may be used at Watertree. Each grill must be labeled with a Watertree tag (available upon request from the office, please email), covered with a grill cover, and discreetly stored outside. Local or state codes prohibit storing propane inside, so all fuel tanks must be stored outside. Ensure that when in use your grill is more than 15 feet from any building, and never on a balcony.



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TO: All Owners & Residents
FROM: Ed McShane, Property Manager
SUBJECT: Fire Prevention

The purpose of this letter is to remind and/or instruct community members about preventing fires in and around our homes at Watertree.

If you rent your unit, ensure that your tenant knows this information & complies with all House Rules.

Smoke detectors

Watertree provides one smoke detector per unit that is hardwired with ten-year battery backup, typically located on the hallway ceiling. If there is any issue with this smoke detector, please report the issue to the office immediately at 315.437.1426.

New York State code requires that rentals have a smoke detector in every bedroom or within three feet of the entrance to every bedroom.

Heaters

Watertree originally installed electric baseboard heaters. Please make sure all furniture, drapes, cords, bedding, etc. are at least 12 inches (one foot) away from any part of the heater.

If you have a gas heater or fireplace, please have it inspected annually by a licensed HVAC professional. Always maintain a carbon monoxide detector in the same room as any gas appliance.

Stoves

I highly recommend you maintain "Firestop" or similar stove-top fire suppression above the stovetop in your condo. It is available [through Firestop](#) for about \$60.

That website is <https://stovetopfirestop.com/product/rangehood/>, 9/14/2025.

Fire Extinguishers

I recommend every condo maintains both a basic use fire extinguisher AND a kitchen fire extinguisher in easily accessible locations, such as under the kitchen sink and near your front door. Keeping the basic use fire extinguisher near your front door could help you exit the building in case of a fire. This pair of extinguishers is commonly sold as a set, [Home Depot offers a set](#) for about \$50.

That website is <https://www.homedepot.com/p/Kidde-Basic-Use-Kitchen-Fire-Extinguishers-with-Easy-Mount-Bracket-1-A-10-B-C-1-10-B-C-Fire-Extinguishers-2-Pack-21020930/303196145>, 9/14/2025.

Candles & Incense

I recommend not burning candles or incense in your homes. If you choose to burn these items, please make sure they are located in a safe area where they are inaccessible to children & pets, and will not tip over or fall. Monitor them while burning and after extinguishing to prevent any fire accidents.

Extension Cords

If you must use an extension cord, verify the minimum gauge required and use an appropriate cord.

Balconies

Burning tiki torches or tiki style candles is unsafe on the balcony, as is grilling. Please do not have or use tiki torches on the property.

Grilling

Fire pits (any type) are not allowed at Watertree. **Charcoal fires (in any form) are not allowed at Watertree.** Propane gas grills may be used at Watertree, and must be labeled with your unit number & covered with a grill cover. Grills without labels will be removed from the property. Local or state codes prohibit storing propane inside, so all fuel tanks must be stored outside. Grills may be stored unobtrusively outside and may not be used within 15 feet of any building. No grilling of any kind is allowed on balconies. See House Rules §4 for more information.

Utility Rooms

Local or state code prohibits the storage of any personal items in the hot water heater rooms. Bicycles, strollers, snow shovels, or brooms labeled with your unit number may be stored in the utility room outside the hot water heater room. See House Rules §4.

Smoking

If you choose to smoke within your home, please be careful about this. It takes just a single ember or spark to start a fire. Our community needs every member to be alert to the danger of fire, and cautious with using fire in and around our homes.

Completely extinguish each flame/ember and store butts in a fireproof container.

A common source of accidental fire in multi-home dwellings is a poorly extinguished butt thrown off a porch. You can ensure this never happens at Watertree by taking care with your smoking habits.

S.T.O.P. Fires

- S** Smoke alarms – have smoke alarms in your home
- T** Test weekly – test each smoke detector weekly
- O** Obvious dangers – be aware of obvious dangers in your home
- P** Plan – plan your escape route in case of a fire

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